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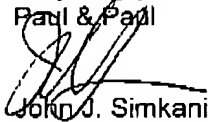
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Dear Examiner Yo:

Attached is a proposed (informal) amendment, unsigned, which I believe should dispose of the above-cited application. Rejected claims 1-3 and 24 have been amended to distinguish over the cited art. Withdrawn claims 16-23 and 25-34 have been reinstated as amended to depend from either previously allowed claim 4 (claims 4-15 stand as previously allowed), or from now allowable claim 1.

Allowed claims 4 and 5 have been further amended to correct typographical errors. I will call you at 11:00 am Thursday, February 26, 2004, as previously arranged.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,
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